



**STATE OF DELAWARE
DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
DIVISION OF MEDICAID & MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
PLANNING AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT UNIT**

M E M O R A N D U M

REPLY TO
ATTN. OF: Administrative Notice DMMA 09-2012

TO: All DMMA Staff

DATE: November 19, 2012

SUBJECT: 2013 Spousal Impoverishment Standards

BACKGROUND

Under Section 1924(g) of the Social Security Act, the minimum and maximum resource allowances and the cap on the community spouse's minimum monthly maintenance needs standards are increased annually. The figures are increased by the same percentage as the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

DISCUSSION

Due to an increase in the CPI, the Spousal Impoverishment Standards will increase for 2013.

Effective January 1, 2013 the standards will be as follows:

Minimum Community Spouse Resource Allowance - \$23,184.00 (federal)

Delaware's Minimum Community Spouse Resource Allowance - \$25,000.00

NOTE: Effective October 1, 1993 the minimum resource allowance in Delaware increased to \$25,000.00. Any federal annual increase in the minimum resource allowance will have no effect on Delaware's minimum until it exceeds \$25,000.00

Maximum Community Spouse Resource Allowance - \$115,920.00

Maximum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance - \$2,898.00

ACTION REQUIRED

DCIS II will be updated with the 2013 standards.

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